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Fee concession to Vanniakula students

* 2509 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the additional expenditure incurred by the grant of special full fee concession to Vanniakula students in some districts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The following are the particulars regarding the additional expenditure incurred by the grant of special full fee concessions to Vanniakula Kshatriya students in the districts are given below :—

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Tanjore West	... ...	12,929
South Arcot	... ...	38,269
Salem	... ...	75,347
Tiruchirappalli	... ...	40,710
Tanjore East	... ...	33,840

SRI S. RAMALINGAM: இவ்வளவு தொகை அதிகமானதற்குக் காரணம் சர்க்கார் தப்பாக உத்திரவு போட்டுவிட்டார்களா, அல்லது அதிகாரிகள் உத்திரவை தப்பாக அர்த்தம் பண்ணிக்கொண்டார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: There has been a mistake in the working of the Government Order and that has resulted in this expenditure.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Is this concession confined exclusively to Vanniakula Kshatriya students or does it apply to the students belonging to all the communities coming under the Criminal Tribes Act?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am sure the hon. Member is aware of the circumstances in which this concession was granted. The intention of the Government was to give the concession only to students coming under the Criminal Tribes Act and belonging to the Vanniakula Kshatriya community. Unfortunately, the wording of the Government Order was not happy and it led to a misconstruction of the order. All the students belonging to the Vanniakula Kshatriya community irrespective of whether they came under the Criminal Tribes Act or not were given the concession. Having once given the concession even to those to whom we did not intend to give, we do not want to take it back from them because taking back will create difficulties.

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM: கோயம்பத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் வன்னிய குல க்ஷத்திரியர்களே கிடையாதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: எல்லா வன்னிய குல க்ஷத்திரியர்களுக்கும் இந்தச் சலுகை கிடையாது. அந்த வகுப்பிலுள்ள குற்ற பரம்பரையினருக்குத்தான் இந்தச் சலுகை உண்டு. மற்ற ஜில்லாக்களில் வன்னிய குல க்ஷத்திரிய குலத்தைச் சேர்ந்த குற்ற பரம்பரையினர் கிடையாததால் இதர ஜில்லாக்களுக்கு இந்த உத்திரவு அப்ளை ஆகாது.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Having committed a serious mistake in the wording of the order, is it not a fact that the Government called upon the recipients of the scholarships to refund the amount? What is the amount realised by way of refund?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know from where the hon. Member got this information. Nobody has been ordered to refund the amount which he has received under this concession.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : May I ask the reason for giving full fee concession only to Vanniakula Kshatriyas coming under the Criminal Tribes Act and not giving to Kallars, Maravars and some other communities who come under that Act?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : All students belonging to what are called Criminal Tribes are being given this concession.

11-20 a.m. SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : The Hon. Minister said that because of the defect in the wording of the Government Order the mistake arose. What was the nature of the defect in the wording of the Government Order? When was it discovered? How was it rectified?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The intention was to give concessions to the children of the Vanniakula Kshatriya community, who happened to belong to criminal tribes. It came to be known that Padayachis belonged to the criminal tribes. But Padayachis styled themselves as Vanniakula Kshatriyas. On that account, they were being denied the concession. The intention of the Government was that whatever be the nomenclature attached to the community—Vanniakula Kshatriya, Padayachi or whatever it is—if they really belonged to the criminal tribes, they should get the concession. In passing the order, a mistake was made that all persons calling themselves Vanniakula Kshatriyas were entitled to the concession. This qualifying clause 'belonged to the criminal tribes' was unfortunately omitted. That mistake was rectified by the issue of another Government Order.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know from the Hon. Minister when this special full fee concession was granted to the children of this community consequent on which about two lakhs of rupees have been given? Was it after the merger of the T.N.T. organization with the Congress or before it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the relevant date here. If the hon. Member is so much interested in it, he may give notice of a separate question.

SRI T. S. ARDHANARI : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, குற்ற பரம்பரைச் சட்டத்தில் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட வன்னியர்களுக்குத்தான் இந்தச் சலுகை என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்கிறார்கள். ஜில்லா போர்டு தேர்தல் காலத்திலே, எல்லா வன்னியர்களுக்கும் இப்படிப்பட்ட சலுகை கொடுத்திருப்பதாக நமது ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபன மந்திரி அவர்கள் பேசினாரா? அவர் அப்பொழுது பேசும்போது தெரிந்துதான் பேசினாரா, தெரியாமல் பேசினாரா?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A separate question may be addressed to the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration. I am sure that he will be able to answer that question much better.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : இப்படிப்பட்ட தவறான உத்தரவு போட்டதன் காரணமாக குற்ற பரம்பரை அல்லாதவர்களுக்கு சலுகை கிடைத்துவிட்டதென்பதும், அதன் பிறகு அந்த உத்தரவு மாற்றப்பட்டதென்பதும் வாஸ்தவம். தஞ்சாவூர், திருச்சி ஜில்லாக்களில் உண்மையாகவே குற்ற பரம்பரையைச் சேர்ந்த வன்னியர்களுக்கும் படையாட்சிகளுக்கும் சம்பளச் சலுகை கிடைப்பதில் தாமதம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதை நிவர்த்திக்க அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : If there are any difficulties, certainly those difficulties will have to be removed. I do not know what difficulties there are in the way of getting these concessions.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : The difficulties of the criminal tribes belonging to the Vanniakula Kshatriya community are these. The Vanniakula Kshatriyas were declared as criminal tribes as long ago as 1933–34. Now, the village munsifs who are asked to give the certificates are unable to understand whether this community was declared as a criminal tribe or not. So, when students go to the village officials for certificates, they say that they are unable to know whether these students belong to the criminal tribe or not. The village munsif and the Tahsildar are unable to say whether a particular student belongs to a criminal tribe or not. So, will the Government come forward to remove this hardship in obtaining the certificate and entrust the Tahsildar who is the certificate-issuing authority with proper records to enable him to give the certificate to the students who require it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I would suggest to the hon. Member to put this in the form of a memorandum and present it to the Government.

MR. SPEAKER : Sri Kunhi Muhammad Shafee.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Sir, I have already placed a memorandum in the hands of the Hon. Minister.

MR. SPEAKER : Order, order. I have called the hon. Member Sri Kunhi Muhammad Shafee.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know the officer who is responsible for the defective wording of the Government Order now mentioned by the Hon. Minister?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : An inquiry will have to be made for this purpose, but I take the responsibility because I signed the order and I should have rectified the mistake.

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : From the answers given by the Hon. Minister, am I to understand that it was not a new or

additional concession given by the Government even to the Vanniakula Kshatriyas and that it was only for the purpose of giving concession to Vanniakula Kshatriyas who went by some other name?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member is quite correct.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Were the illustrious Padayachis of South Arcot district any time under the Criminal Tribes Act?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know whether the 'illustrious' Padayachis were there, but some of them were under the Criminal Tribes Act.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : In view of the difficulties experienced by the Vanniakula Kshatriya and other communities, the Government and also the Minister, may I request the Hon. Minister to give full-fee concession to the children of all the backward communities and if finances permit, to give full-fee concession to all the poor students in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have already taken steps in that direction. The hon. Member has perhaps forgotten about it. We have given full-fee concession to all the poor students up to III Form and the VIII standard. We have not made any distinction between Backward and Forward community students. We have given full-fee concession to all poor students.

Compensation to textile workers

* 2510 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many mills have implemented the current shortage Special Tribunal award published on 10th February 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Thirty-two mills as on 5th August 1955.

* 2511 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of mills that have given compensation for involuntary unemployment due to current cut or shortage;

(*b*) the number of mills that have appealed against giving compensation to workers; and

(*c*) the number of mills that have neither given compensation nor appealed against giving such compensation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Thirty-two mills as on 5th August 1955.

(*b*) Thirty-six.

(*c*) Three.